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Staff meeting.

Messrs. Thorp, Linder, Schaetzel and Sohm came to my office and Willard gave a resumé of his recent activities in Europe.

Henri Bonnet called at noon. I had Messrs. McBride and Utter with me. He wished to discuss the Tunisian question, which he did at great length. We had just given him this morning a copy of the Secretary's letter to M. Schuman, [redacted] delivered today in Paris, [redacted] setting forth the United States position rather fully. I again emphasized the importance of having the French make a [redacted] detailed statement of what they have done to improve conditions in the protectorates for the last half century and even longer.

We had the honor awards ceremony at the Interdepartmental Auditorium this afternoon. This consisted of giving out 191 citations for eminent service performed by various individuals and sections in the State Department. Willard Thorp was master of ceremonies, and he and I made speeches.

Anna Rosenberg called me this afternoon about the incident which arose because we had, at the request of the Icelandic Government, not sent any negro troops to Iceland. The Icelanders were, ~~not~~ apparently, moved by a desire to impose racial discrimination ~~so much~~ [redacted] as they were by the thought that their inhabitants had never had any people of other than the white race living amongst them and, ~~for the time being~~, would like to maintain this state of comparative isolation. It is all rather mixed up, and Anna has been [redacted] cooperative about it since it was the Air Force that involved the Government in this

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difficulty by taking rather precipitate action on the strength of feelings expressed by the Icelandic Government.

Eugene Black came to see me. It seems that, in certain parts of the world where the International Bank is not allowed to use secret codes for commercial traffic, the State Department transmits messages to and from the Bank. Some of our enthusiastic young men here who deal with the Middle East have, it seems, formed the habit of reading the Bank's messages, and protesting to the Bank when they do not approve of its instructions. Gene thinks [redacted] this is not a [redacted] satisfactory situation, with which I fully agree; [redacted] I discussed it [redacted] with Hank Byroade, who will correct it.

I went to a large farewell party for the Thorps at the Hotel Statler. Willard has been in the Department for seven years and his departure will be a great loss.

We dined tonight with the Netherlands Ambassador and Madame van Roijen. The dinner was in honor of the Frankses, who are lucky if they get away from here with their digestive apparati in good working order.

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